

BLACKSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

News Release

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SUBJECT: Suspicious Person - Police Seek Information

Blacksburg Police are investigating an incident that has created concern for the welfare of school children.

It was reported to police late yesterday that a 15-year-old girl was approached at a school bus stop on Patrick Henry Drive by a man driving a blue car. The man stopped and asked the girl to get into the car. After she refused to get in the car the male left and pulled into a nearby parking lot. A few minutes later the school bus arrived and picked up the girl. Another student later revealed that she had seen a man "sneaking" through a row of trees behind the student as she boarded the bus. The second student, that was passing by in a car, told police that the man was directly behind the girl and it appeared that the man was trying to get close to the potential victim.

The man is described as a white male, 30-45 years old, slightly overweight, brown hair, beard and mustache, wearing light colored plastic frame glasses. (A police composite sketch is available at the Blacksburg Police Department)

The car is described as light or faded blue car with rust and a square front.

Police are asking anyone with information to call the Blacksburg Police at 961-1150 or the TIPS Line at 961-1819.